



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health and Family Services

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CIP 1A Rate

Change to Base	FY 04		FY 05	
	GPR	All Funds	GPR	All Funds
Reduction at Centers	(\$688,600)	(\$2,486,600)	(\$2,135,800)	(\$5,173,900)
CIP 1A Placements	\$688,600	\$2,486,600	\$2,135,800	\$5,173,900
Total	0	0	0	0

Description of Proposal

- Raise the rate at which individuals currently residing at the Centers for the Developmentally Disabled are placed in the community from \$225/day to \$325/day. At this new rate the Department projects 35 placements in FY 04 and 38 additional placements in FY 05.
- As individuals are placed from a Center into the community, reduce the Center's operating budget by \$325/day.
- Allow the Department to transfer individuals among Centers without county approval.

Background

- The Community Integration Program (CIP 1A) provides the option of community living and services for individuals currently residing in the three Centers for the Developmentally Disabled. A federal waiver allows the state to redirect Medicaid institutional funds to pay for placement of institutionalized residents in the community.
- The daily rate for community placements is provided in statute. As a Center places individuals in the community, its budget is also reduced by a daily rate. Typically this reduction is achieved by eliminating Center positions.
- The current placement and reduction rates are \$225/day. Funding for the CIP program is provided by the state and federal governments through Medicaid.
- Guardians for individuals at the Centers must approve any relocation to the community. Although there are over 100 residents who could be placed in the community at a rate below \$225/day, only 7% of those had guardians who supported community placement.
- Relocations from the Centers declined in the FY 01-03 biennium.
- A 1993 Department of Justice Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA) review cited the Department for not doing more to move residents of Centers for the Developmentally Disabled into the community. The Department negotiated a settlement with DOJ that indicates that the Department is committed to placing Center residents in the community. If placements continue to decline, the Department may be out of compliance with this settlement.
- In a separate budget item, the Administration is proposing to downsize significantly Northern Wisconsin Center (see information paper on Northern Wisconsin Center).

Rationale for Proposal

- The higher daily placement rate will ensure that individuals with special care needs can find appropriate placements in the community.
- Setting the placement and reduction rates at \$325/day is not expected to adversely affect the staffing ratio at the Centers. The staff-to-patient ratio across the Centers is expected to remain at its current level, even with the higher placement and reduction rates.
- It is anticipated that a higher daily rate will increase the number of individuals placed in the community and allow the Department to remain in compliance with its CRIPA settlement. More than 70 residents, whose guardians support community placement, could be placed in the community at \$325/day.
- Community placement offers many advantages to individuals with developmental disabilities. Community placement offers living arrangements with the least restrictive environment, where an individual's needs can be assessed and addressed. Behavioral problems tend to decline when an individual is placed in the community, signifying that the individual is now living in a less stressful, higher quality environment.
- As staff declines as a result of increased placements, it will be easier for the Department to preserve its current level of services and an appropriate staffing ratio if it can consolidate units among Centers. To do this, the Department must have the authority to transfer residents among Centers without county approval.